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County Executive Proposes \$3.3 Billion Budget for Fiscal Year 2008

On Feb. 26, 2007, Fairfax County Executive Anthony H. Griffin proposed a General Fund budget of \$3,319,047,284 for Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008), an increase of 1.34 percent over the *FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan*. Excluding adjustments in the current fiscal year of \$61.5 million, the increase over the FY 2007 budget is \$105.4 million or 3.28 percent. The proposed budget is balanced, with funding initiatives tied to the County's strategic priorities, and maintains the Real Estate Tax rate at \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value. The total of all Appropriated Funds is \$5,766,693,253.

In conformance with the Board of Supervisors' Budget Guidelines for FY 2008, the recommended transfer to the Public School Operating Fund is \$1,586,600,722, which is an increase of 3.5 percent over the FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan, plus an additional \$8 million to fund the second phase of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Initiatives for Excellence, resulting in an increase of \$61,382,633 or 4.0 percent over the FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan. However, the transfer request approved by the School Board on Feb. 7, 2007 is \$1,603,645,743, an increase of 4.6 percent plus an additional \$8 million to fund the second phase of the Schools' Initiatives for Excellence, resulting in an increase of \$78,427,654 or 5.1 percent over the FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan transfer. The gap between the School Board's request and the County Executive's recommendation is \$17.0 million. In addition, the County's Transfer for School Debt Service is \$147,858,704, an increase of \$5,589,336 or 3.9 percent over the FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan. The combined transfer for School Operations and Debt Service is \$1,734,459,426, which represents 52.3 percent of total County General Fund Disbursements.

Based on maintaining the Real Estate Tax rate at \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value and an average assessed value of \$542,744, the typical homeowner will pay \$4,830 in Real Estate Tax in FY 2008. This is a decrease of \$16 or 0.33 percent from the FY 2007 amount.

With revenue growth of only 2.88 percent, the FY 2008 Budget is lean with no major spending initiatives. In his budget transmittal message, County Executive Griffin stated, "While the budget for FY 2008 presents one of the more difficult fiscal plans in recent years, the steps the Board has taken over the past few years have positioned Fairfax County to be able to meet these challenges head-on. By clearly articulating priorities, the Board has laid out a road map for the County to follow." Using those priorities as a guiding beacon, the proposed budget includes strategic spending recommendations to maintain essential public safety and human services, fund environmental projects and continue the dedication of one penny each on the Real Estate Tax rate for affordable housing and stormwater management.

Griffin reminded the Board that at the Joint Meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the School Board on July 17, 2006, he projected a significant decrease in General Fund revenue growth due to the cooling real estate market. In fact, the slowdown has occurred as predicted and has actually deepened. Recalling the real estate market and revenue trends of the 1990s, the County Executive noted, "History is repeating itself. Our current real estate market is similar to 1990 (FY 1992 assessments) where the number of home sales declined precipitously, while inventory rose and houses remained on the market longer. Unlike 1990, however, prices are not declining as drastically. This is due to continued job growth and relatively low mortgage rates, unlike the early 1990s, which began a nine-year period from 1992-2000 where residential equalization, the appreciation of existing housing, was negative or grew less than 1 percent. We are now seeing a similar correction in the market that has been predicted for some time. Fortunately the nonresidential sector has experienced healthy appreciation or our fiscal situation would be even more challenging for FY 2008. Nevertheless, our budget continues to be overly dependent on Real Estate Taxes, which make up almost 60 percent of total General Fund revenue. Barring a considerable turnaround in the housing market, we will face an even more difficult situation for FY 2009."

In order to prepare a balanced budget taking into account rising costs for salaries, utilities, fuel and contractual services, the County Executive requested most General Fund and General Fund-supported agencies to participate in a reduction of personnel services funding by 2 percent or \$16.3 million. In addition, he noted he was unable to fund agency requests beyond those associated with public safety and new facilities. Even with the reductions noted above, FY 2008 disbursements still exceeded FY 2008 receipts (revenues and transfers in) by \$27 million. To address this shortfall, the County Executive recommended that \$21 million prudently set aside by the Board as part of the *FY 2006 Carryover Review* be used in combination with an additional \$6 million anticipated as part of the *FY 2007 Third Quarter Review*. He noted that while the use of one-time balances to fund ongoing requirements is not ideal, the total balance utilized is less than 1.0 percent of total General Fund Disbursements and that this would be taken into account in future budgets to ensure that a structural imbalance is not created. The County Executive cautioned that these steps are a short-term solution, and if restrictive conditions persist beyond two years, it will be necessary to undertake more significant reductions in programs and services similar to actions required in the 1990s.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FY 2008 ADVERTISED BUDGET

The following information is a summary of portions of the <u>FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan</u>. You are encouraged to consult the County Executive Summary and Budget Highlights in the Overview Volume, as well as the other FY 2008 budget volumes for further details.

FY 2008 REVENUE:

FY 2008 General Fund revenues total \$3.29 billion, an increase of \$92.21 million or 2.88 percent over the *FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan*. This is significantly lower than the growth of the past six years. Based on a tax rate of \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value, Real Estate Tax receipts are anticipated to increase \$76.11 million or 4.0 percent, and represent 59.8 percent of total revenue. All other revenue categories combined are forecasted to increase 1.2 percent over FY 2007 levels, reflecting the slowing economic growth anticipated.

From a historical perspective, County revenues have mirrored the economy, particularly with regard to the housing market since Real Estate Taxes comprise the greatest share of the budget. From 1980-1991, average annual General Fund revenue growth exceeded 12 percent per year. However, from FY 1992-FY 2000, General Fund revenues grew at an average annual rate of only 4.2 percent. In the early part of the current decade, County revenues grew in the 7 percent range due to the robust real estate market. By FY 2006, that revenue growth rose 9.5 percent as a result of the overheated real estate market in 2004 and 2005, which drove housing price increases, and was augmented by a nearly 160 percent increase in interest on investments due to Federal Reserve federal funds rate increases.

Revenue growth is anticipated to moderate substantially for FY 2007 and FY 2008, with projected increases of 3.1 and 2.9 percent, respectively. As anticipated, the housing market reversed course in 2006. The number of homes listed for sale increased dramatically, while the number sold dropped and prices fell marginally. Homes also took longer to sell. According to the Metropolitan Regional Information System, a home in Fairfax County was on the market an average of 97 days in December 2006 compared to the December 2005 average of 48 days. Preliminary figures from the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors indicate that the number of homes sold in Fairfax County in 2006 was down 34 percent compared to 2005.

In contrast, the nonresidential real estate market was strong in 2006. The County's direct office vacancy as of year-end 2006 was 7.7 percent, a slight decrease from the 7.8 percent rate recorded at year-end 2005. Including sublet space, the year-end 2006 overall office vacancy rate was 9.2 percent, down from 9.7 percent at year-end 2005. As a result, nonresidential equalization registered a healthy 13.57 percent increase for FY 2008. This had the effect of increasing the Commercial/Industrial percentage of the County's Real Estate Tax base from 17.22 percent to 19.23 percent, the first increase in seven years.

FY 2008 GENERAL FUND DIRECT EXPENDITURES:

FY 2008 Direct General Fund Expenditures total \$1,203,872,635, a decrease of \$237,267 or 0.02 percent from the FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan. Excluding adjustments in the current fiscal year, the actual increase over the FY 2007 Budget is \$34.6 million or 2.96 percent. This category contains traditional municipal services such as police, fire and EMS, libraries, etc. Fairfax County has taken significant steps in recent years to ensure these services are highly efficient. A measure of the efficiency with which the County provides services is the number of staff required to meet service demands resulting from increases in the County's population, as well as changing requirements such as mandates, shifting demographics and other influences. As a result of process redesign, enhanced technology and strategic prioritization of resources, Fairfax County continues to reduce the number of positions per 1,000 residents from 13.57 in FY 1991 to 11.16 in FY 2008. This represents significantly improved productivity because in that same period, nearly 170 facilities have been added or expanded to meet community needs. These include fire and police stations, libraries, recreation centers, schoolage child care centers and senior centers, among others. The budget proposed by the County Executive includes a total of 70 new positions for FY 2008, all of which are associated with new facilities or public safety

The County Executive's proposed budget for FY 2008 maintains the linkage between strategic priorities and spending decisions. In determining how to allocate available resources for FY 2008, Griffin relied on the Board of Supervisors' priorities identified during their strategic planning retreat in February 2004 (see below). His recommendations are also based on supporting the County's seven vision elements shown below. The subsequent pages show major funding initiatives listed by Board priority and/or County vision element.

Countywide Vision Elements Board Priorities Strong investment in education Maintaining safe and caring communities Public safety and gang prevention Building livable spaces Affordable housing Practicing environmental stewardship Environmental protection Connecting people and places Transportation improvements Creating a culture of engagement Revenue diversification to reduce the burden Maintaining healthy economies on homeowners Exercising corporate stewardship

Strong Investment in Education

The greatest share of the budget is dedicated to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). The recommended transfer to the School Operating Fund is \$1,586,600,722, which is an increase of 3.5 percent over the FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan, plus an additional \$8 million to fund the second phase of the school system's Initiatives for Excellence, resulting in an increase of \$61,382,633 or 4.0 percent over the FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan. It should be noted that the transfer request approved by the School Board on Feb. 7, 2007 is \$1,603,645,743, a total increase of 4.6 percent plus an additional \$8 million to fund the second phase of FCPS' Initiatives for Excellence, resulting in an increase of \$78,427,654 or 5.1 percent over the FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan transfer. The gap between the School Board's request and the County Executive's recommendation is \$17.0 million.

When compared to most other school systems in Virginia, Fairfax County funds a much larger portion of its school budget with local funds. The average school division in Virginia receives approximately half of its financial support from its local government, while Fairfax County funding comprises three-quarters of FCPS' budget. In addition to the operating transfer of \$1,586.60 million, \$147.86 million is included for School Debt Service to fund \$144.28 million in bond sales for school construction, for total transfers of \$1,734.46 million. This represents over 52 percent of total General Fund Disbursements. The County also provides additional support for the Schools in the amount of \$60.46 million for programs such as Head Start, School Health, School Resource Officers, School Crossing Guards, after-school programming, field maintenance and recreational programs, among others.

The following are various initiatives that the County Executive proposed for funding in FY 2008. They are listed by the Board priority and/or County vision element that they support.

Public Safety and Gang Prevention/Maintaining Safe and Caring Communities:

- \$1.2 million is for the addition of 8/8.0 SYE domestic violence detectives for the successful Domestic Violence Detective Program originally piloted with existing staff resources so that eight Police Officer positions used in the pilot can be returned to patrol duties. In addition, 1/1.0 SYE Probation Counselor III position is included to serve as a Victim Services Advocate to provide support for this program.
- \$0.2 million is included for 2/2.0 SYE police officers for the Criminal Justice Academy to provide additional training classes to support the Police Department's staffing needs given the large number of sworn officers eligible to retire now and in the next few years.
- \$0.1 million is for 1/1.0 SYE staff psychologist for the Police Department to develop prevention strategies, training and programs to make officers less vulnerable to the impact of traumatic events.

- \$0.2 million is included for 2/2.0 SYE Probation Counselor I positions in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court to staff the holding cells associated with the expansion of the Courthouse anticipated to be complete in April 2007 to consolidate court services, reduce overcrowding, allow after-hour access to some functions, and provide additional courtroom space. In addition, 1/1.0 SYE Programmer Analyst III is included for the Electronic Records Management System to replace traditional paper-based files with electronic court case records and automate case processing.
- \$0.1 million is associated with the redirection of two existing positions from within the County workforce to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court to establish positions to assist in supervised visitation and supervised exchange of children subject to joint custody agreements or foster care visitation agreements.
- \$3.2 million includes \$1.4 million for 14/14.0 SYE positions necessary for operation of the new Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (PSTOC) anticipated to be complete in spring/summer 2008. These positions include 4/4.0 SYE Uniformed Fire Communications Officers to provide dispatching support; 5/5.0 SYE Police positions to support the new forensics facility; and 5/5.0 SYE staff in the Department of Information Technology to provide on-site technical support. Additional funding totaling \$1.8 million is associated with loose furnishings for common areas in the PSTOC.
- \$11.8 million including fringe benefits is recommended for a 2.92 percent Market Rate Adjustment for public safety personnel including uniformed Police, Sheriff, Public Safety Communications, and Fire and Rescue employees to maintain pay competitiveness.
- \$3.0 million is provided for merit increments for those public safety employees eligible to receive them based on grade and step.
- \$1.0 million is included to increase the employer retirement contribution by 1 percent for Police Retirement and reduce the employee contribution by the same amount to make the Police benefits package more competitive with surrounding jurisdictions.
- \$0.2 million is provided for 3/3.0 SYE positions that are associated with opening a new School-Age Child Care room at Francis Scott Key Center, which will serve an additional 12 special needs children.
- \$0.3 million has been included for the new Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter scheduled to open in the summer of 2007 in order to provide contracted supportive mental health and substance abuse services to residents in need of them.

- \$2.4 million, including \$1.1 million for the Department of Family Services, \$0.9 million for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and \$0.4 million for the Health Department, will support contract rate increases to providers, as well as accommodate increases in medical supplies and services to meet the needs of those served by each of these agencies.
- \$0.9 million is provided for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board to reduce the waiting list for mental health services.
- \$0.6 million is included to support contracted services at an eight-bed facility providing mental health intervention and stabilization services for youth ages 12 to 17 that are in crisis. These expenditures are anticipated to be completely offset by Medicaid revenues and Comprehensive Services Act Pooled Funds.
- \$0.6 million is associated with the expansion of the Leadership and Resiliency and Student Assistance Programs to a total of 12 Fairfax County public high schools to enhance substance abuse intervention and prevention services. The Leadership and Resiliency Program is currently offered in six high schools, while the Student Assistance Program is offered in eight high schools.

Affordable Housing/Building Livable Spaces:

- \$22.7 million, or the value of one penny on the Real Estate Tax rate, is included in The Penny for Affordable Housing Fund to preserve and create affordable housing opportunities.
- The FY 2008-FY 2012 Advertised Capital Improvement Plan (With Future Fiscal Years to 2017) anticipates continuation of the approved bond sale limits, \$275 million or \$1.375 billion over a five-year period with a technical limit of \$300 million in any given year.
- \$21.9 million is included in FY 2008 for the most critical capital renewal projects including roof repair/replacement, HVAC and emergency generators, among other needs.
- \$4.92 million is included to continue the athletic field maintenance and development program. This includes athletic field lighting, water and irrigation system maintenance, minor ballfield repairs, synthetic turf and payment for FCPS staff to open and close facilities used by indoor sports organizations.
- \$2.0 million is included for the acquisition of land at a time when opportunities for open space are rapidly dwindling.

Environmental Protection/Practicing Environmental Stewardship:

- \$22.7 million, or the approximate value of one penny from the County's Real Estate Tax, has been included for prioritized stormwater capital improvements to the County's stormwater system to protect public safety, preserve home values and support environmental mandates such as those aimed at protecting the Chesapeake Bay and the water quality of other local waterways.
- \$0.7 million is included to provide funding for initiatives that support the Board of Supervisors' Environmental Agenda, also known as the Environmental Excellence 20-Year Vision Plan. Included in this amount is \$100,000 for energy-efficient and/or renewable energy projects to support a global climate change strategy.
- \$0.1 million is for 1/1.0 SYE Naturalist III to serve as an Assistant Wildlife Biologist to support existing wildlife management programs such as the Deer and Canada Geese Management programs. It also provides for 1/1.0 SYE Administrative Assistant II to enable the Animal Shelter to enhance customer service and expand service hours by opening on Sundays.

Transportation Improvements/Connecting People and Places:

- \$3.7 million or an increase of 11.8 percent over the *FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan* for County Transit Systems will enable the FAIRFAX CONNECTOR to maintain current service levels, provide funding for a 4.0 percent personnel-based contractual adjustment, continue the annual bus replacement program, support an increase in the County subsidy to the Virginia Railway Express and provide for increased fuel costs. The total FY 2008 General Fund Transfer for Fund 100, County Transit Systems, is \$34.7 million.
- The total Fairfax County requirement (subsidy) for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Operating Expenses totals \$64.9 million, an increase of 7.0 percent over the *FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan* and supports Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess (paratransit) service. However, it should be noted that the General Fund Transfer of \$18.5 million is being held flat at the *FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan* level due to the availability of other funds.
- \$1.0 million is included to support small spot improvements as approved by the Transportation Advisory Commission and the Board of Supervisors. These low-cost, quick-hit projects consist of intersection improvements such as turn lanes, sidewalk and trail connections, and bus stop improvements, and are intended to improve mobility, enhance safety and provide relief for transportation bottlenecks.

\$13.8 million, which includes a General Fund transfer of \$12.4 million and interest income of \$1.4 million, is provided for initiatives that meet one or more priorities established by the Senior Information Technology Steering Committee. These initiatives include a mix of projects that provide benefits for both residents and employees, as well as maintain and strengthen the County's technology infrastructure.

Creating a Culture of Engagement:

- \$2.7 million is provided for new and renovated libraries including 34/27.0 SYE positions and limited-term support, as well as operating expenses for the two new libraries, Oakton and Burke Centre, which will open in late summer 2007 and spring 2008, respectively. Funding also includes one-time requirements associated with the renovations of the Thomas Jefferson and Dolley Madison libraries.
- \$0.9 million is included in the Department of Community and Recreation Services for the second year of a two-year phase-in of the Senior Plus program to provide services for an additional 150 seniors who require a higher level of assistance to participate in social activities in the least restrictive environment, prevent further decline in their health and well-being, and serve as a transition to the Adult Day Health Care Program.
- \$0.3 million will enable the printing and countywide mailing of new voter information cards, absentee voting educational materials and election officer recruitment forms to all registered voters in order to provide up-to-date information to voters and enhance election officer recruitment.

Maintaining Healthy Economies:

- \$8.7 million, or an increase of \$0.4 million over the *FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan*, represents the General Fund transfer to support the second year of the two-year cycle in the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), reflecting a 5 percent increase to leverage nonprofit organizations' resources to meet community challenges.
- \$13.2 million is provided through Fund 119, Contributory Fund, to various nonsectarian, nonprofit or quasi-governmental entities for the purpose of promoting the general health and welfare of the community. The required transfer from the General Fund is \$13.0 million.

Revenue Diversification/Exercising Corporate Stewardship:

- To meet budget limitations based on reduced revenue as a result of the flattening residential real estate market, a 2 percent across-the-board reduction in personnel services totaling \$16.3 million was taken in General Fund and General Fund-supported agencies.
- \$12.0 million is provided in order to continue the Pay for Performance program for over 8,000 non-public safety employees.
- \$1.6 million over the *FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan* is included to address higher fuel prices as a result of market conditions.
- \$1.4 million is included as an increase for increased custodial, repair and maintenance, and landscaping costs associated with new facilities opening in FY 2008. Combined, these facilities account for an additional 507,174 square feet in the inventory maintained by the Facilities Management Department.
- \$2.3 million or an increase of 16 percent over the current budget level is required due to a projected increase in electricity rates.
- \$0.1 million is included for 2/2.0 SYE positions in the Facilities Management Department to address maintenance requirements associated with new facilities opening in FY 2008.
- \$8.9 million or 4.4 percent over the *FY 2007 Revised Budget Plan* is included for fringe benefits, including Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Social Security, Retirement and the transfer for the Retiree Health Benefits subsidy.
- \$8.2 million or the same level of funding as FY 2007 is included for the GASB 45 Liability Reserve to continue to address the pre-funding of post-employment health care and other non-pension benefits.

TAX RATES AND FEES

As part of an ongoing effort to diversify the revenue base and reduce the Real Estate Tax burden on homeowners, the County continues to review fees and other revenue sources to identify appropriate adjustments. The following are highlights of several programs, taxes and fees:

Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Program

The <u>FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan</u> maintains the current Tax Relief Program with the maximum level of assets allowed for Real Estate Tax relief eligibility at \$340,000. Income limits remain at 100 percent exemption for elderly and disabled taxpayers with incomes up to \$52,000; 50 percent for eligible applicants with income between \$52,001 and \$62,000; and 25 percent if income is between \$62,001 and \$72,000. These rates were last adjusted in FY 2006.

Real Estate Tax Rate

The <u>FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan</u> maintains the Real Estate Tax rate at \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value. However, even at the same rate, the typical homeowner will see a decrease of \$16 or 0.33 percent from FY 2007 due to a slight decrease in the value of residential properties.

Personal Property Tax

No increase is proposed in the Personal Property Tax rate, which remains at \$4.57 per \$100 assessed value.

Refuse Collection Fee

Residents within Sanitary Refuse Collection Districts who receive County refuse collection service are charged an annual service fee through the semiannual Property Tax bill for regular trash pick-up and recycling. These districts are created by the Board of Supervisors upon citizen petition, which has been increasing in recent years. From FY 2000 through FY 2004, the annual fee was maintained at \$210 per unit to draw down the unreserved fund balance. Due to increasing disposal fees, rising personnel expenses and lower fund balances, the annual fee was increased from \$210 to \$240 in FY 2005, to \$270 in FY 2006, and to \$315 in FY 2007, which was still consistent with rates charged by private sector haulers.

In order to cover anticipated expenditures in FY 2008 and maintain essential reserves, an increase in the annual fee to \$330 is required for approximately 44,000 customers who receive this service. This increase is based on increasing disposal tipping fees, maintenance and fuel charges, as well as accelerated equipment replacement costs. The accelerated equipment replacement program is anticipated to result in future maintenance savings, as well as reduce equipment downtime.

Sewer Fees

In FY 2008, the Availability Fee charged to new customers for initial access to the system will increase from \$6,138 to \$6,506 for single-family homes based on current projections of capital requirements and is consistent with the analysis included in the <u>Forecasted Financial Statement</u> for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011.

The Sewer Service Charge is billed to all existing customers and is used to fully recover operating and maintenance costs, debt service payments and capital project funding primarily attributable to improving wastewater treatment effluent standards as mandated by state and federal agencies. The Sewer Service Charge will increase from \$3.50 to \$3.74 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption in FY 2008. This equates to a 6.75 percent increase in rates and will result in an anticipated increase in the annual cost to the typical household of \$18.24. This rate increase represents a departure from past rate schedule projections and is based on mandated requirements to renovate and rehabilitate existing treatment facilities to reduce nutrient pollutants in order to improve the Chesapeake Bay water quality.

FINANCIAL FORECAST

Looking ahead to future fiscal years, the financial forecast for FY 2009 and FY 2010 maintains the FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan Real Estate Tax rate of \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value. It forecasts County total revenue growth of 1.86 percent in FY 2009 and 2.40 percent in FY 2010. These rates of growth are due to projections of continued moderating increases in real estate property values and decelerating growth in other revenue categories. As a result, increases in County expenditures and the transfer to the Schools are limited to the same percentages.

This current forecast shows shortfalls of \$48.2 million in FY 2009 and \$56.1 million in FY 2010 as a result of projected expenditures increasing at a faster pace than County revenues. It will be necessary to take steps to reduce the rate of growth in expenditures in order to match the level of increase in revenues. Details of the FY 2009 Forecast can be found in the Financial Forecast section of the Overview volume of the FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings on the <u>FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan</u> will be held in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax on April 9, 10 and 11, 2007. The public hearings will begin at 7 p.m. To sign up as a speaker, the public should call the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903. The Board Auditorium is accessible to persons with disabilities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information on the <u>FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan</u>, contact the Department of Management and Budget at 703-324-2391, TTY 711, or access the budget on the Internet at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb. The entire budget is also available on CD-ROM.

Reference copies of the FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan are available at all County libraries.

A limited number of copies are also available at the Publications Desk on the first floor of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The public is encouraged to call in advance to confirm availability of the printed budget. The telephone number is 703-324-2974, TTY 711.

A reference copy will also be available in the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

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